

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Anthony Venturino on July 1, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claim 1: line 32, --, wherein said machining of said shaped structure occurs after said artificial ageing-- has been inserted after "aircraft".

Claim 38 has been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's arguments filed March 23, 2009, coupled with the current examiner's amendments are persuasive; therefore the 35 USC 103 rejections in the case are hereby withdrawn. Specifically the examiner agrees with Applicant's argument that the prior art does not teach cold forming a AA7XXX aluminum alloy plate with the claimed composition to form a shaped structure, the cold forming comprising bending the alloy plate that has been brought to a first temper selected from the group consisting of T4, T73, T74 and T76 to form the shaped structure with a built-in radius, heat treating the shaped structure with the built-in radius, the heat treating comprising artificially ageing the

shaped structure to a second temper selected from the group consisting of T6, T79, T78, T77, T76, T74, T73 or T8, and machining the shaped structure after the artificial ageing, these in combination with the rest of the limitations in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Essama Omgba whose telephone number is (571) 272-4532. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-6:30, 1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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